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AND USE OF FIXED-TREATED CELL-LINES AND TISSUE IN  
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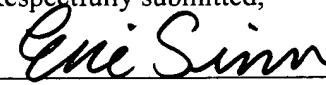
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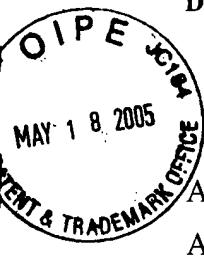
1. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 20, 2005 (15 pages); and
2. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (212) 935-3000, New York, New York. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24817-503 (Customer Number: 35437). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT  
AMENDMENT MAILED APRIL 20, 2005**

Sir:

In response to the Non-Compliant Amendment mail dated April 20, 2005, Applicants hereby resubmit in its entirety the Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action mailed September 30, 2004 with the required amendment. This Response is due on or before May 20, 2005 with no extensions.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 15 of this paper.